

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 2, 2025~9:30 A.M.

*Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. It is our heart and desire to **engage** the community of Waseca with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, **equip** those who respond to be the next generation of disciples of Jesus Christ and **empower** them to go into the world as partners with God for the healing of the world.*

PRELUDE

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

But who am I, that God should call me?

You are a beloved child of God.

But I am weak I'm not a great speaker.

God is with you; don't be afraid.

Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

HYMN.....“Take My Life and Let it Be”UMH #399

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we come to you this day, seeking your guidance and strength. Give us the courage to place our trust in your presence. Help us to understand that the opportunities for service that you offer to us also come with your love and support. It is your love which makes the impossible possible. Turn us around and place us back on the path of joyful service. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

PASSING THE PEACE *Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.*

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY.....UMH #95

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Unison

Merciful God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all. Transform our gifts into hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark LaMont

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.
Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.
For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,
my confidence since my youth.
From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD!
THANKS BE TO GOD!**

HYMN.....“The Gift of Love”UMH #408

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Dong Hun Shin

Luke 4:21-30

He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’”

“Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel

with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

MESSAGE.....“Welcome Jesus”Rev. Dong Hun Shin

HOLY COMMUNION.....UMH #9-11

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Come Holy Spirit, fill our voices with praise, so that all we speak will glorify you.

Come Holy Spirit, give us such faith that we will go wherever you ask us to go.

Come Holy Spirit, help us to be a friend like Jesus.

Come Holy Spirit, warm our hearts, so that as we love our community, they see you.

In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

HYMN.....“Here I Am, Lord”UMH #593

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

REMEMBER OUR CHURCH FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court: Margaret Dahnert

Lakeshore Inn: Sandy Voshell

Latham Place: Joe Tollefson, Wally Ruedy

Prayer Requests for Sunday: Sue Baldini, Tim Dahnert, Ron Dahnert, Gail Sauer, Kathy Dahnert Johnson, Margaret Dahnert, Les Wells, April Lupas, Dennis Dahnert, Tom Kuyper, Sherry Scholljegerdes, Blayke Klassen, Anna Born, Barb Klampe, Sandy Voshell, the Ukraine, the Middle East, government officials, health care workers, first responders, those who battle cancer, chronic illness and pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be sure to sign the red attendance pads at the ends of the pews.

Faith's Blessing Box – Just a reminder that we are continuously collecting donations of non-perishable food items and cash donations for Faith's Blessing Box (**please no glass jars, no expired items and, during winter months, no canned goods**). If you would like to donate food items, suggested items at this time are pouched meat, ramen noodles, oatmeal or other hot cereals, and regular cereal (smaller boxes or bags of cereal so they will fit in the pantry). Thank you!

Barb Klampe will be gone through Sunday, February 9 recovering from knee surgery. She hopes to return on February 16 and resume choir practice on February 19. Please pray for Barb's quick recovery.

Thank you to Tina Kim who has been filling in for Barb.

Please note that Stacy True, Administrative Assistant, will be out of the office on Monday, February 17.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE...

02/02/2025 (Sun.) Birthday Sunday
9:30am – Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:30am – Fellowship

02/09/2025 (Sun.) 9:30am – Worship Service
10:30am - Fellowship

*Lakeview Room **Fellowship Hall

Administrative Assistant Hours this Week:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30am to 1:00pm

Rev. Dong Hun Shin Office Hours this Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am o 12:30pm

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